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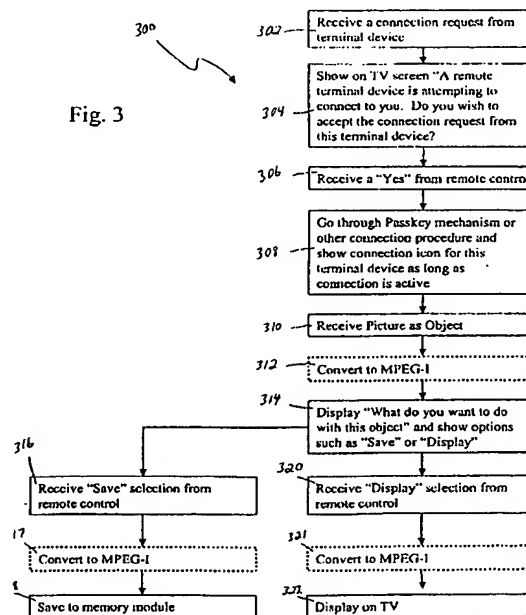
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(54) Picture transfer between mobile terminal and digital broadcast receiver

(57) Methods and systems are provided for customizing a digital broadcast receiver to capture, send, and/or receive images. A digital broadcast receiver may capture an image in a video stream and store the captured image in memory for future use. The digital broadcast receiver may also receive an image from a mobile terminal and store the image in memory. The digital broadcast receiver may at any time transfer an image stored in memory to a mobile terminal. An album may be used for managing pictures stored on the digital broadcast receiver. The digital broadcast receiver may complete an Internet call by sending a call connection request to a mobile terminal in communication with the digital broadcast receiver, and that is also connected to the Internet. User interfaces for interacting with the digital broadcast receiver are also provided.

Fig. 3



Description

[0001] The invention relates to data transmission. More particularly, the invention relates to systems and methods for communicating between a mobile terminal and a display system.

[0002] It is common today for audio and visual programs to be broadcasted in digital formats such as DVB-S, DVB-C and DVB-T. The broadcasted signals are typically received at digital broadcast receivers (set-top boxes) and converted to television signals for transmission to televisions. Prior art digital broadcast receivers have standard operations and generate relatively standard user interface screens that users cannot customize.

[0003] Existing digital broadcast receivers have not taken advantage of the ease with which digital signals can be captured, stored, manipulated and retrieved. As a result, users have been limited in their ability to customize the operation of digital broadcast receivers. For example, when tuned to an audio channel on a conventional digital broadcast receiver, users sometimes view a blank screen or an alphanumeric description of the audio broadcast. Users have also been limited in their ability to customize user interface elements.

[0004] Further, existing digital broadcast receivers have not taken advantage of digital communications with terminal devices. Because digital broadcast receivers are able to process digital video and audio data, benefits can be gained by interfacing terminal devices with digital broadcast receivers. In particular, benefits are gained by interfacing with mobile terminal devices.

[0005] Therefore, there is a need in the art for digital broadcast receiver systems and methods that allow users to customize the operation of digital broadcast receivers. There is also a need in the art for digital broadcast receiver systems and methods that allow users to manipulate the data received at the receiver to customize the operation of receiver. Further, there is a need in the art for digital broadcast receiver systems and methods that interface with mobile terminal devices.

[0006] The above-mentioned needs in the art are satisfied by the disclosed systems and methods that allow users to transfer digital pictures and other data between digital broadcast receivers and other terminal devices.

[0007] In one embodiment of the invention, a method of storing an image in a digital broadcast receiver is provided. The method includes uploading a picture from a terminal device via a short-range communication link such as BLUETOOTH and saving the picture in a memory module of the digital broadcast receiver. In one aspect, the terminal device may already be connected to the digital broadcast receiver prior to transferring the picture. In another aspect, the terminal device is not connected prior to transferring the picture and therefore requests a connection.

[0008] According to another embodiment of the invention, the digital broadcast receiver displays on a televi-

sion an interface related to communications with terminal devices. A user may interact with the digital broadcast receiver via a remote control using interface options displayed on the television. According to one aspect, connection information for terminal devices is shown on the television display. According to another aspect, picture information is shown on the television display. In accordance with a further aspect, pictures stored in the digital broadcast receiver may be displayed on the television.

[0009] In a further embodiment of the invention, a method for transferring a picture to a terminal device is provided. The picture may be one that is captured from a broadcast program received by a digital broadcast receiver. In yet another embodiment of the invention, a method is provided for communicating with a remote terminal device through a digital broadcast receiver and a local terminal device connected to the receiver and to the Internet.

[0010] In a further embodiment of the invention, a digital broadcast receiver includes a central processing unit and an interface module for coupling the receiver to a computer device. A memory module is also coupled to the central processing unit and contains computer-executable instructions for performing the steps related to the invention. According to aspects of the invention, the steps include storing, capturing and transferring pictures to terminal devices as part of an album computer application. According to one aspect, the steps include performing a call through a local terminal device connected to the Internet.

[0011] In other embodiments of the invention, computer-executable instructions for implementing the disclosed methods are stored on computer-readable media.

[0012] The present invention is illustrated by way of example and not limited in the accompanying figures in which like reference numerals indicate similar elements and in which:

Figure 1 shows a system that includes a digital broadcast receiver in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 illustrates a method of capturing and utilizing picture frames in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 3 illustrates a method of storing a picture on a digital broadcast receiver in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 4 illustrates a method of sending a picture stored on a digital broadcast receiver to a mobile terminal according to an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 5 shows a display screen that includes a user

interface in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 6 shows a display screen that includes a picture stored on a digital broadcast receiver according to an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 7 shows a display screen that includes a user interface in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 8 shows a display screen that includes a user interface for showing a list of mobile terminal devices connected to a digital broadcast receiver; and

Figure 9 illustrates a method of sending a call from a digital broadcast receiver via mobile terminal in communication with the Internet.

[0013] In the following description of the various embodiments, reference is made to the accompanying drawings which form a part hereof, and in which is shown by way of illustration various embodiments in which the invention may be practiced. It is to be understood that other embodiments may be utilized and structural and functional modifications may be made without departing from the scope of the present invention.

[0014] Figure 1 shows a system for receiving and processing digital video signals in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. A digital broadcast receiver (set-top box) 100 may be coupled to a computer device 102 and to a television 104. In alternative embodiments, television 104 may be replaced with a terminal, such as one attached to a telephone, personal digital assistant, pager or other device. Further, the digital broadcast receiver may be integrated with television 104 as a single unit. A digital input stream is received at the input port 106. The digital input stream may have a format such as DVB-S, DVB-C, DVB-T, MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4 or ISO-IEC standards 11172-1, 11172-2 and 11172-3. The digital input stream may also use a format disclosed by the Bluetooth Special Interest Group. Any other digital transmission format may alternatively be used. Video and audio programs may be transmitted to digital broadcast receiver 100 over a variety of different frequencies and/or in a multiplexed manner over a single carrier. A demultiplexer 108 may be included to isolate a desired audio or video program from the input stream. The isolated program may then be sent to a bit stream buffer 110. Bit stream buffer 110 buffers data that is sent to a decoder 112. Decoder 112 may be included to decode or descramble signals broadcast in a compressed format such as in an MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 format. In one embodiment, the output of decoder 112 is a baseband signal. The baseband signal leaving decoder 112 may then be transmitted to display buffer 114 before being transmitted to a video encoder 116. Video encoder 116 may then convert the baseband

signal to a format that can be used by a television, such as the National Television Standards Committee (NTSC) standard or the Phase Alternating Line (PAL) standard.

[0015] Digital broadcast receiver 100 also includes a short-range transceiver 125 for communicating with wireless devices within a wireless personal area network (WPAN). In a preferred embodiment, short-range transceiver 125 supports communications according to the WPAN specification known as "BLUETOOTH." Information about this specification may be obtained from the Bluetooth Special Interest Group at the website www.bluetooth.com. Through the WPAN, multiple mobile terminal devices may communicate with receiver 100 and with each other within a certain range. As shown in Figure 1, mobile terminal 127 can communicate with receiver 100 and with computer device 102 via the WPAN using a short-range transceiver 128 in the mobile terminal 127. Further, mobile terminal 127, e.g., a handheld mobile terminal, and computer device 102 may be connected to the Internet. Receiver 100 may connect to the Internet via computer device 102. It may also be directly connected to the Internet, and as discussed later, it may access the Internet via mobile terminal 127. Mobile terminal 127 may also include a processor 131 for controlling operations of the mobile terminal according to computer executable instructions stored in memory 132. Alternatively, some or all of mobile terminal's computer readable instructions may be embodied in hardware or firmware (not shown).

[0016] The digital broadcast receiver 100 may also include an interface 120 for coupling the receiver to computer device 102 or other devices. An RS-232 interface may be utilized to provide a standard interface for connecting to additional devices. Of course, other interfaces, such as USB or IEEE 1394 interfaces may also or alternatively be included (not shown). A central processing unit (CPU) 122 may be included to control the overall operation of digital broadcast receiver 100. Computer executable instructions and data used by CPU 122 and other components within digital broadcast receiver 100 may be stored in a memory 124. Memory 124 may be implemented with any combination of read only memory modules or random access memory modules, optionally including both volatile and non-volatile memory.

[0017] A user may control the operation of digital broadcast receiver 100 with a remote control 126. A conventional infrared (IR) interface 128 may be included to receive information from the remote control 126. A remote terminal device 129 may connect to the mobile terminal 127, the computer 102, or the receiver 100 via the Internet 130 or any other network, discussed in more detail below.

[0018] A method for customizing the operation of the digital broadcast receiver in accordance with an embodiment of the invention is shown in Figure 2. In particular, Figure 2 illustrates a method 200 for capturing an image from a television, computer monitor or other device.

First, in step 202, a digital video stream is received at a digital broadcast receiver. The digital video stream may be received from a cable television provider, satellite television provider or other source of digital video and/or audio programming (e.g., a HDTV broadcast). Next, in step 204 the digital video stream is converted to a television input signal.

[0019] The conversion may include transforming an MPEG-2 or other digital signal into an NTSC or PAL signal. Such conversion circuits and software are well-known to those skilled in the art.

[0020] The television input signal is then transmitted to a television or other device(s) in step 206. While viewing the television program, the user may see a picture that the user would like to store as a background screen for the television or other use for any other device (e.g., computer device). The user may make a selection with the remote control 126, on an interface of digital broadcast receiver 100, from a mobile phone or mobile terminal, computer terminal, or other device to capture the picture. After receiving a capture command in step 208, the digital video stream is monitored and the next picture frame that has complete picture information is identified in step 210. When the digital video stream is in MPEG format, the stream contains I, P and B picture frames. In one variation, only the I picture frames form complete pictures that can be used as background images. P and B frames contain only a portion of the information needed to form a complete image. Step 210 may include monitoring the digital video stream to identify the next I picture frame and may be performed by decoder 112.

[0021] After a proper picture frame is identified, in step 212 the picture frame is stored in a memory, such as memory 124. The memory may be a non-volatile or, alternatively, a volatile memory. The picture frame may be retrieved from memory 124 and transmitted to display buffer 114 or video encoder 116 to be displayed on television 104, a computer monitor through a computer interface, or on any other connected display device. Video encoder 116 may convert the picture frame to a television frame input signal in step 214. The picture frame may be displayed on a television at times determined by the user. In one embodiment, the picture frame is displayed on the television while the user listens to audio programming. As shown in figure 2, in step 216, digital broadcast receiver 100 may receive the identification of a digital audio channel. The user may perform step 216 by making an appropriate selection with remote control 126 (or other control device as described above with respect to the capture command). Then in step 218, information associating the digital audio channel with the picture frame may be stored in a memory, such as memory 124. The association may be in the form of computer-executable instructions causing the picture frame to be retrieved from the memory when digital broadcast receiver 100 is tuned to the identified audio channel. In one embodiment, the user may view prompts on a television screen instructing the user to enter information to

make the association. A captured frame may optionally be associated with more than one audio channel, e.g., the frame may be specified for use as a background when any audio channel is selected.

[0022] A method for customizing the operation of the digital broadcast receiver 100 in accordance with another embodiment of the invention is shown in Figure 3. In particular, Figure 3 illustrates a method 300 for uploading an image from a mobile terminal, such as mobile terminal 127. According to method 300, a user of mobile terminal 127 (mobile terminal 127 being, e.g., a digital camera-phone such as a Nokia 7650 mobile terminal, manufactured by Nokia Corporation of Finland), may desire to send a photograph stored on mobile terminal 127 to receiver 100. As such, if terminal 127 is not connected to receiver 100, it initially sends a connection request that is received in step 302 at receiver 100. In response to receiving the connection request, receiver 100 in step 304 sends a display message to TV 104 to display the text "A remote terminal device is attempting to connect to you. Do you wish to accept the connection request from this terminal device?" or similar text. The name of the device may also be shown. The user may respond using remote control 126, or via direct input to receiver 100. He may also respond via mobile terminal 127 or through other means via computing device 102. [0023] After receiver 100 receives an affirmative response from the user in step 306, it goes through a connection procedure according to the applicable WPAN specification in step 308. In a BLUETOOTH scenario, both terminal 127 and receiver 100 authenticate one another and create a domain of trust. Such authentication may include writing the same passkey to each other, and if the keys match, both terminal 127 and receiver 100 are paired and bonded together. As such, data transferred between these devices may now be encrypted. The passkey mechanism may only be required the first time when an unknown device tries to make a connection to receiver 100.

[0024] In accordance with the BLUETOOTH specification, the picture stored on terminal 127 is formatted as an OBEX-file and transferred to receiver 100. The connection with terminal 127 is preferably terminated after the file is transferred. After receiver 100 in step 310 receives the OBEX-file, it may convert the OBEX-file in step 312 to a display format, such as MPEG I-frame. Upon reception of the OBEX-file, in step 314 receiver 100 may send a display message to TV 104 to display the message "What do you want to do with this object?" or similar message. Options are also preferably displayed, such as "Save" and "Display." If the user selects the "Save" option, when the receiver 100 in step 316 receives the "Save" command, the receiver in step 318 saves the picture in memory module 124. Prior to saving the picture, the OBEX-file may be converted in step 317 to another format, such as MPEG I-frame, if it has not been converted earlier (e.g., in step 312). Alternatively, if the user selects the "Display" option, when the receiver

er 100 receives such a command, the receiver in step 322 sends instructions to TV 104 to display the picture. If the OBEX-file for the picture has not previously been converted to a display format, the receiver 100 in step 321 converts the OBEX-file prior to sending display instructions to TV 104.

[0025] The display format may include an identifier to one or more locations or applications to which the image corresponds. Thus the user can from his terminal determine in which location or application (e.g., album, background, selected radio stations, display grid, location within the user interface, etc.) of the display or receiver he wants the picture to be forwarded or stored. The terminal may provide alternatives for applications or locations as above e.g. using an advanced "Display" option.

[0026] Images stored in receiver 100 according to a further embodiment are stored in an album (not shown) maintained in memory module 124. Accordingly, images or pictures may be saved to one or more folder structures (not shown) within the album. The album provides an easy interface for a user to choose images to display, delete, send, etc. It may further allow a user to rename images, change their order, or modify the images. It may also allow a user to set up a slide show and to control the display of the images via remote control 126 or another device, such as terminal 127. To provide interaction with a user via remote control 126, receiver 100 may send messages to display an album interface on TV 104. As shown in Figure 5, album interface 500 may be part of an overall receiver interface 502, e.g., control bar 504. In one embodiment, the receiver interface 502 is displayed over a video image display 506, such as a television display. The receiver interface 502 may include a text area 508 that displays text messages, and sub-interface icons 510 that represent other interfaces and options for interacting with receiver 100.

[0027] Figure 5 further illustrates an album icon 512 formed from a thumbnail version of a picture stored in memory 124. According to one embodiment, when the album icon 512 is selected, a folder icon 514 representing other pictures, and a picture icon 516 representing a single picture, are displayed in a vertical control bar 518. The vertical control bar 518 can display more or fewer icons depending on the pictures and folders stored in memory 124 and according to the set up of the album, screen size, and like considerations. Within the icons there may be textual information presented, such as the name of the figure as can be seen in icons 514 and 516. Further, controls for taking actions related to the pictures may be shown. According to one embodiment, when a picture icon, such as icon 516, is selected, the picture associated with icon 516 is displayed on TV 104. Figure 6 shows the display 600 of a picture associated with icon 516. As shown, display 600 may include options for taking actions associated with the picture. For example, a "Save" option 602 to save the picture or "Exit" option 604 to close the picture display may be shown. Other options may also or alternatively be used,

e.g., options to send the picture, modify the picture, rename the picture, etc.

[0028] Referring back to Figure 4, a method 400 for sending a picture stored in receiver 100 according to an illustrative embodiment is shown. Suppose for example that a user of receiver 100 desires to send a picture stored on the receiver to mobile terminal 127. Suppose also that the mobile terminal 127 is an unknown device to the receiver 100. Suppose further that the picture is stored in an album stored in the receiver 100. The method 400 begins in step 402 when the user selects an album interface by selecting an album icon (e.g., icon 512 in Figure 5) displayed on TV 104. The album icon may include a thumbnail version of a picture stored in memory module 124. If the album contains more than one image, the user may further select one or more images in the selected album.

[0029] In response to receiving the user selection of one or more images, the receiver 100 in step 404 may send instructions to TV 104 to display action option icons and a message such as "What do you want to do with this/these photograph(s)?" requesting an action from the user. The option icons in this scenario may include icons to delete, open, rename, and/or send the image(s), etc. Upon user selection of, for example, a "Send it" icon, receiver 100 in step 406 receives a send message from remote control 126. Because the picture according to the BLUETOOTH specification is sent as an OBEX file, receiver 100 in step 408 looks for terminal devices that support OBEX files.

[0030] The connection formation is performed according to the principles of Specification Of The Bluetooth System, Volumes 1 and 2, Core and Profiles: Version 1.1 February 22, 2001, which describes the principles of BLUETOOTH device operation and communication protocols. The operation, generally, includes: first, the receiver 100 sends Inquiry messages via the short range transceiver 125 and if one or more devices are found, the short range transceiver 125 subsequently sends Paging messages. After receiving one or more Page Responses from the one or more other devices, a BLUETOOTH connection can be established and the receiver 100 may ask whether any of the connected devices support Generic Object Exchange Profile (GOEP) and file transfer synchronization using the Object Exchange OBEX Standard. The OBEX standard is specified by the Infrared Association (IrDA), Object Exchange Protocol, Version 1.2. The OBEX Standard was adopted by Bluetooth as a binary HTTP protocol that allows multiple request/response exchanges. The queries for GOEP and OBEX support are performed in Bluetooth Service Discovery Protocol (SDP), which defines the investigation of services available to a BLUETOOTH unit from other units. After receiving OBEX-support indications from the one or more other devices, the receiver 100 in step 410 sends a message to display a list of such devices. If no devices supporting OBEX are found, receiver 100 in step 410 sends a message to display the

message "No supporting devices found, try again?" or a similar message.

[0031] When receiver 100 locates a number of applicable devices (i.e., devices that support OBEX-files) and therefore displays a list of the devices in step 410, the list may show each device according to a nickname given previously. Suppose mobile terminal 127 is on the list and the user selects it in step 412 via remote control 126. Upon reception of the user's selection, receiver 100 and terminal 127 go through authentication mechanisms as described previously including, e.g., using a passkey mechanism. If the authentication fails, receiver 100 in step 416 sends display instructions to display the message "Bad Request." If authentication is successful, receiver 100 in step 418 sends the OBEX-file for the selected picture to terminal 127. When the transmission is complete, the connection is preferably terminated. While the connection is active, a connection icon (e.g., icon 710 in Figure 7) is preferably displayed on TV 104.

[0032] Referring now to Figure 7, an interface 700 according to an illustrative embodiment for interacting with receiver 100 is shown. The interface 700 generally includes a video portion 702, a navigation bar 704 with interface options 706, a BLUETOOTH activity indicator 708, and a connection icon 710. Receiver 100 according to one embodiment is able to send video display signals along with permitting a user to interact with receiver 100 via interface 700. Interface options 706 shown on navigation bar 704 correspond to various systems and methods for interacting with the receiver 100. As shown, one interface option 706 includes control options for controlling the receiver 100 and the associated system. For example, one control option 712 relates to BLUETOOTH devices connected to the receiver 100. BLUETOOTH activity indicator 708 may be shown to indicate that the BLUETOOTH system is active. If it is disabled, activities requested that relate to BLUETOOTH devices will result in the receiver 100 instructing TV 104 to display a message indicating that BLUETOOTH is not active, e.g., the message "Bluetooth is not activated. Do you want to activate it now?" While a BLUETOOTH device is connected to the receiver 100, a connection icon 710 may be shown to indicate the connection.

[0033] Suppose BLUETOOTH is active and mobile terminal 127 is currently connected as indicated by icons 708 and 710. If a user selects interface option 706 and then selects BLUETOOTH control option 712, a command interface 800 shown in Figure 8 may be displayed according to instructions from receiver 100. The command interface 800 provides status information about known BLUETOOTH devices.

[0034] Referring now to Figure 9, a method 900 of sending a call from receiver 100 via terminal 127 according to one embodiment of the invention is shown. Suppose that a user desires to make an Internet call using receiver 100 in combination with TV 104, but that receiver 100 is not directly connected to the Internet. Suppose further that computing device 102 is not con-

nected to the Internet. The user can make the Internet call using WPAN connectivity with terminal 127, which is connected to the Internet. As such, the user in step 902 chooses a modem menu (not shown) from a user interface that receiver 100 instructs to be displayed on TV 104. In response to the user's selection, receiver 100 sends display instructions showing that terminal 127 is connected and available for such a call. The user in step 904 subsequently selects terminal 127 and is prompted by receiver 100 for call connection information, such as a dialing number, web address, URL, etc. The user inputs the requested information in step 906. After inputting call connection information, the user selects a "call" button to request call connection processing. Upon reception of call connection information from the user, receiver 100 in step 908 sends a call connection request to terminal 127.

[0035] Terminal 127 in step 910 completes the Internet call via its connection with the Internet 130. Call completion can be accomplished using session initiation protocol (SIP) messaging and session description protocol (SDP) messaging, or other call completion protocols and methods as are known in the art. Once the call session is initiated, terminal 127 in step 912 transfers call messages received via its WPAN connection with receiver 100. Receiver 100 is then able to send display messages to TV 104 and receive user input via remote control 126. In another embodiment, other user input devices are also connected to receiver 100 for interacting with the call messages. Suppose for example that the user called a remote terminal device 129 (also in communication with the Internet 130) and desires to communicate using two-way audio and video messages. A camera (not shown) and a microphone (not shown) may be attached to the receiver 100 to enable such communication. A user may then be able to interact via audio and video inputs with another user interacting with remote terminal device 129.

[0036] In further embodiments, computer device 102 may be connected to a wide area network such as the Internet 130 to obtain icons, background images and audio and video clips. Computer device 102 and/or digital broadcast receiver 100 may also be connected to other input devices, such as scanners, cameras and MP3 players. Video and audio data may also be transferred from digital broadcast receiver 100 to computer device 102. Computer device 102 may use the video and audio data to customize user interface screens, backgrounds, screen savers, add sound to computer device events or otherwise customize the computer device. Computer device 102 may also convert the video and audio data to other formats and transmit the data to other entities connected to the Internet 130 (e.g., as attachments to e-mail messages).

[0037] While the invention has been described with respect to specific examples, those skilled in the art will appreciate that there are numerous variations and permutations of the above described systems and tech-

niques that fall within the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims. For example, one or more of the components shown within digital broadcast receiver 100 may be located within one or more other devices, such as a television. Moreover, the disclosed methods may be implemented as computer-executable instructions recorded on a computer readable medium such as a floppy disk or CD-ROM.

Claims

1. A method of storing an image in a digital broadcast receiver comprising a memory module, the method comprising:
 - (a) receiving at said digital broadcast receiver a picture from a mobile terminal device via a short range wireless communication link; and
 - (b) storing said picture into said memory module.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said short-range wireless communication link comprises a BLUE-TOOTH link.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises the steps of:
 - (1) receiving a connection request from said mobile terminal device;
 - (2) sending to a display device connected to said digital broadcast receiver a signal to display an indication of said connection request from said terminal;
 - (3) receiving a user-generated assent for said connection request;
 - (4) establishing a connection between said digital broadcast receiver and said mobile terminal device; and
 - (5) receiving said picture from said mobile terminal device.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein step (a) further comprises the steps of:
 - (6) sending to said display device a signal to display options associated with said picture, said options comprising an option for saving said picture to said memory module; and
 - (7) in response to (6), receiving a user-generated selection of one of said options.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein said options associated with said picture further comprise an option for displaying said picture, and said method further comprises the step of sending to said display device a signal for displaying said picture.
6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of converting said picture into a digital image formatted into an MPEG I-frame.
7. The method of claim 3, wherein said picture received from said mobile terminal device comprises an MPEG I-frame.
8. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of (6) as long as said mobile terminal device maintains a connection with said digital broadcast receiver, sending to said display device a signal to display an icon representing connection with said mobile terminal device.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises the step of converting said picture into a digital image formatted into an MPEG I-frame.
10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 - (c) receiving at said digital broadcast receiver a second picture from a terminal device via a wired communication link;
 - (d) storing said second picture into said memory module.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises the step of storing said picture in an album maintained within said memory module.
12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of (c) sending to a display device connected to said digital broadcast receiver a signal to display an icon representing said album on a user interface.
13. The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:
 - (d) receiving a user-generated selection of said album icon; and
 - (e) sending to said display device a signal to display options associated with pictures stored in said album.
14. A method of transmitting an image to a mobile terminal device, the method comprising:
 - (a) receiving at a digital broadcast receiver a user-generated picture transfer command requesting the transfer of a picture; and
 - (b) in response to step (a), transmitting said picture via a short-range wireless communication link to the mobile terminal device.
15. The method of claim 14, wherein said short-range wireless communication link comprises a BLUE-

TOOTH link.

16. The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of sending to a display device connected to said digital broadcast receiver a display signal to display a graphical symbol representing said picture on said display device.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein said graphical symbol comprises a reduced-size version of said picture.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein step (a) comprises the steps of:

- (1) receiving a user-generated selection of said graphical symbol;
- (2) sending a display signal to said display device to display a list of options associated with said picture, said options comprising a picture transfer command; and
- (3) receiving an indication that said picture transfer command has been user-selected.

19. The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:

- (4) searching for mobile terminal devices connected to said digital broadcast receiver that support displaying and exchanging said picture; and
- (5) if a plurality of mobile terminal devices supporting picture exchange are found, sending a display signal to said display device to display a list of said plurality of mobile terminal devices.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein step (4) comprises searching for mobile terminal devices that support OBEX.

21. The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of (c) receiving said picture at said digital broadcast receiver.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein step (c) comprises the steps of:

- (1) receiving at said digital broadcast receiver a broadcast signal including video data;
- (2) converting said broadcast signal to a television input signal;
- (3) transmitting said television input signal to a television connected to said digital broadcast receiver;
- (4) receiving a user-generated capture command; and
- (5) in response to step (4), storing as said picture a picture frame from said video data into a

memory module of said digital broadcast receiver.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein step (c) comprises the step of receiving said picture from a mobile terminal device via a short range wireless communication link between said mobile terminal device and said digital broadcast receiver.

24. The method of claim 14, wherein said picture is received via a wired communication link with a second terminal device.

25. The method of claim 14, wherein said step (a) comprises the steps of:

- (1) sending to a display device connected to said digital broadcast receiver a signal to display an icon representing said album on a user interface, said album being stored in said digital broadcast receiver and containing said picture;
- (2) receiving a user-generated selection of said album icon;
- (3) sending to said display device a signal to display options associated with pictures stored in said album, said options comprising a picture transfer option; and
- (4) receiving a user-generated selection of said picture transfer option.

26. A method of communicating with a remote terminal device via a digital broadcast receiver having a short range wireless communication link with a local mobile terminal device, said local mobile terminal device connected to the Internet, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving at said digital broadcast receiver a user-generated call connection request to place a phone call via the Internet, said request including call connection information; and
- (b) sending said call connection request to said local mobile terminal device for call completion via the Internet.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein step (a) further comprises the steps of:

- (1) sending a display signal to a display device connected to said digital broadcast receiver to display a graphical user interface associated with said local mobile terminal device, said graphical user interface comprising a call option; and
- (2) receiving a user-generated selection of said call option.

28. A computer-readable medium having computer-ex-

executable instructions for performing the steps comprising:

- (a) receiving a connection request from a mobile terminal device; 5
- (b) sending to a connected display device a signal to display an indication of said connection request from said terminal;
- (c) receiving a user-generated assent for said connection request; 10
- (d) establishing a short-range wireless communication connection with said mobile terminal device;
- (e) receiving a picture from said mobile terminal device; and 15
- (f) saving said picture into a memory module.

29. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, further comprising computer-executable instructions for performing the steps of: 20

- (g) sending to said display device a signal to display options associated with said picture, said options comprising an option for saving said picture to said memory module; and 25
- (h) in response to (g), receiving a user-generated selection of one of said options.

30. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps comprising: 30

- (a) receiving a user-generated picture transfer command requesting the transfer of a picture; and 35
- (b) in response to step (a), transmitting said picture via a short-range wireless communication link to a mobile terminal device.

31. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps comprising: 40

- (a) receiving a user-generated call connection request to place a phone call to a remote terminal via a short range wireless communication link with a local mobile terminal device connected to the Internet, said request including call connection information; and 45
- (b) sending said call connection request to said local mobile terminal device. 50

32. A digital broadcast receiver comprising:

- a central processing unit; and 55
- a memory module coupled to the central processing unit and containing computer-executable instructions that cause the receiver to

perform the steps of:

- (a) receiving a connection request from a mobile terminal device;
- (b) sending to a display device connected to said digital broadcast receiver a signal to display an indication of said connection request;
- (c) in response to (b), receiving a user-generated assent for said connection request;
- (d) establishing a connection with said mobile terminal device;
- (e) receiving a picture from said mobile terminal device; and
- (f) saving said picture into said memory module.

33. The digital broadcast receiver of claim 32, said memory module comprising further computer-executable instructions that cause the receiver to perform further steps comprising:

- (g) sending to said display device a signal to display options associated with said picture, said options comprising an option for saving said picture to memory; and
- (h) in response to (g), receiving a user-generated selection of one of said options.

34. A digital broadcast receiver comprising:

- a central processing unit; and
- a memory module coupled to the central processing unit and containing computer-executable instructions that cause the receiver to perform the steps of:

- (a) receiving a user-generated picture transfer command requesting the transfer of a picture; and
- (b) in response to (a), transmitting said picture via a short-range wireless communication link to a mobile terminal device.

35. A digital broadcast receiver comprising:

- a central processing unit; and
- a memory module coupled to the central processing unit and containing computer-executable instructions that cause the receiver to perform the steps of:

- (a) receiving a user-generated call connection request to place a call to a remote terminal via a short range wireless communication link with a local mobile terminal device connected to the Internet, said request

including call connection information; and
(b) sending said call connection request to
said local mobile terminal device.

36. A mobile terminal device, comprising:

a short range wireless transceiver for communicating over a short range wireless communication link;
a processor for controlling operation of the mobile terminal device according to computer executable instructions stored in a memory, the computer executable instructions comprising

- (1) receiving user input identifying a stored picture to send to a digital broadcast receiver; and
- (2) sending the identified stored picture to the digital broadcast receiver over the short range wireless communication link.

37. The device of claim 36, wherein the short range wireless communication link comprises a BLUETOOTH link.

38. The device of claim 36, wherein the computer executable instructions further comprise:

- (3) receiving from the digital broadcast receiver, options that may be performed for the sent picture; and
- (4) sending to the digital broadcast receiver a selection of a 'save' option indicating that the picture should be saved by the digital broadcast receiver.

39. A mobile terminal device, comprising:

a short range wireless transceiver for communicating over a short range wireless communication link;
a processor for controlling operation of the mobile terminal device according to computer executable instructions stored in a memory, the computer executable instructions comprising

- (1) sending a request message to a digital broadcast receiver over the short range wireless communication link, the request message indicating a graphical image; and
- (2) in response to sending the request message, receiving the graphical image from the digital broadcast receiver.

40. The device of claim 39, wherein in step (1) the indicated graphical image comprises a frame in a video stream.

41. A mobile terminal device, comprising:

a short range wireless transceiver for communicating over a short range wireless communication link;
a processor for controlling operation of the mobile terminal device according to computer executable instructions stored in a memory, the computer executable instructions comprising

- (1) sending to a digital broadcast receiver a user-generated call connection request to place a phone call via the Internet, said request including call connection information; and
- (2) receiving from the digital broadcast receiver a request to complete the call via an Internet connection of the mobile terminal device.

42. A set top box, comprising:

an input port that receives an input video broadcast signal;
a video encoder that outputs an output video signal, based on the received input video signal, formatted for display on a display device;
a short-range transceiver for communicating with a mobile terminal;
memory storing computer readable instructions, comprising:

determining whether a connection with the mobile terminal via the short-range transceiver is active; and
when the connection is active, overlaying an icon over the input video broadcast signal for output through the video encoder.

43. The set top box of claim 42, wherein the short-range transceiver comprises a Bluetooth transceiver.

44. The set top box of claim 42, wherein the icon depicts a mobile terminal.

45. The set top box of claim 42, wherein the input video broadcast signal comprises a digital video broadcast signal.

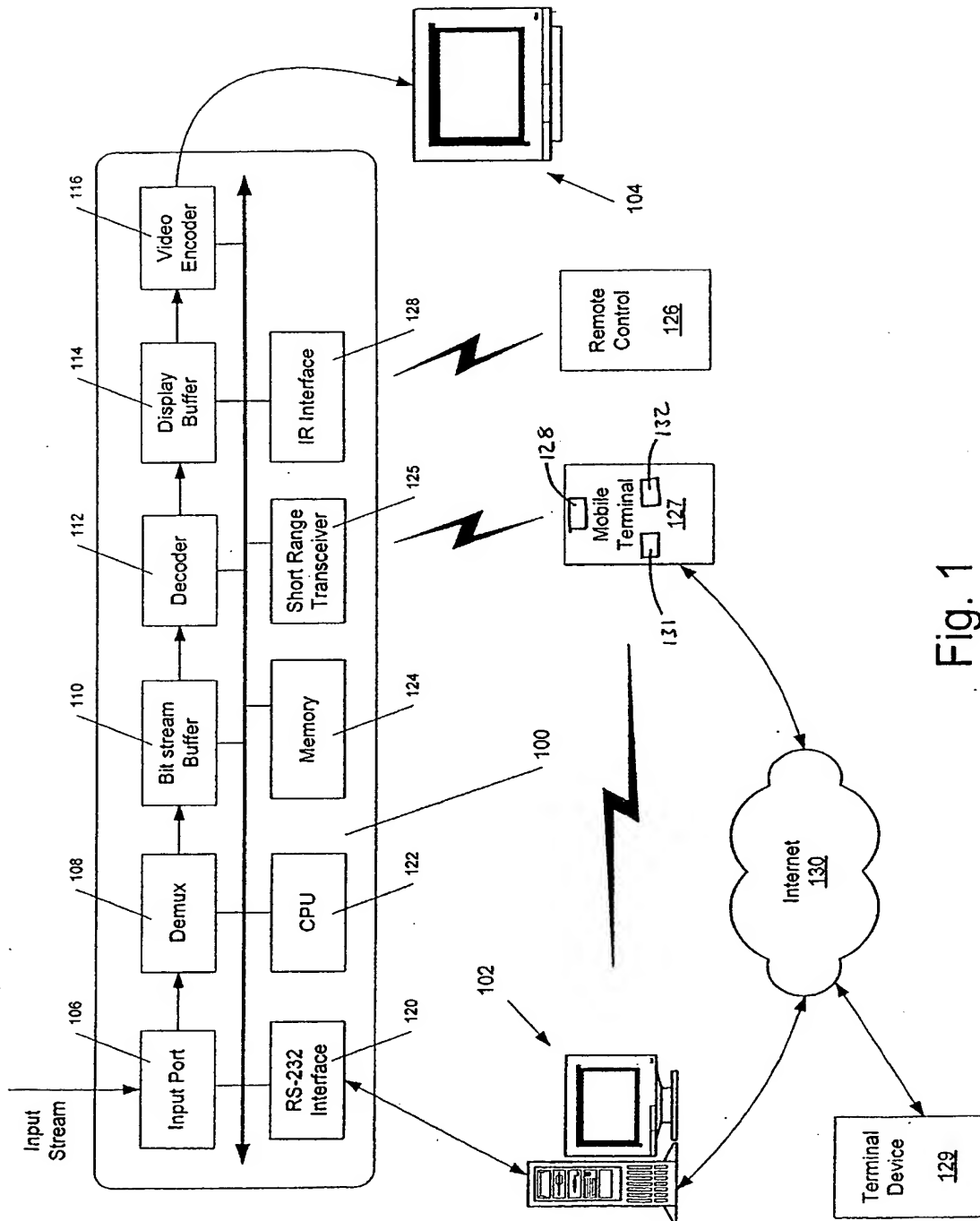


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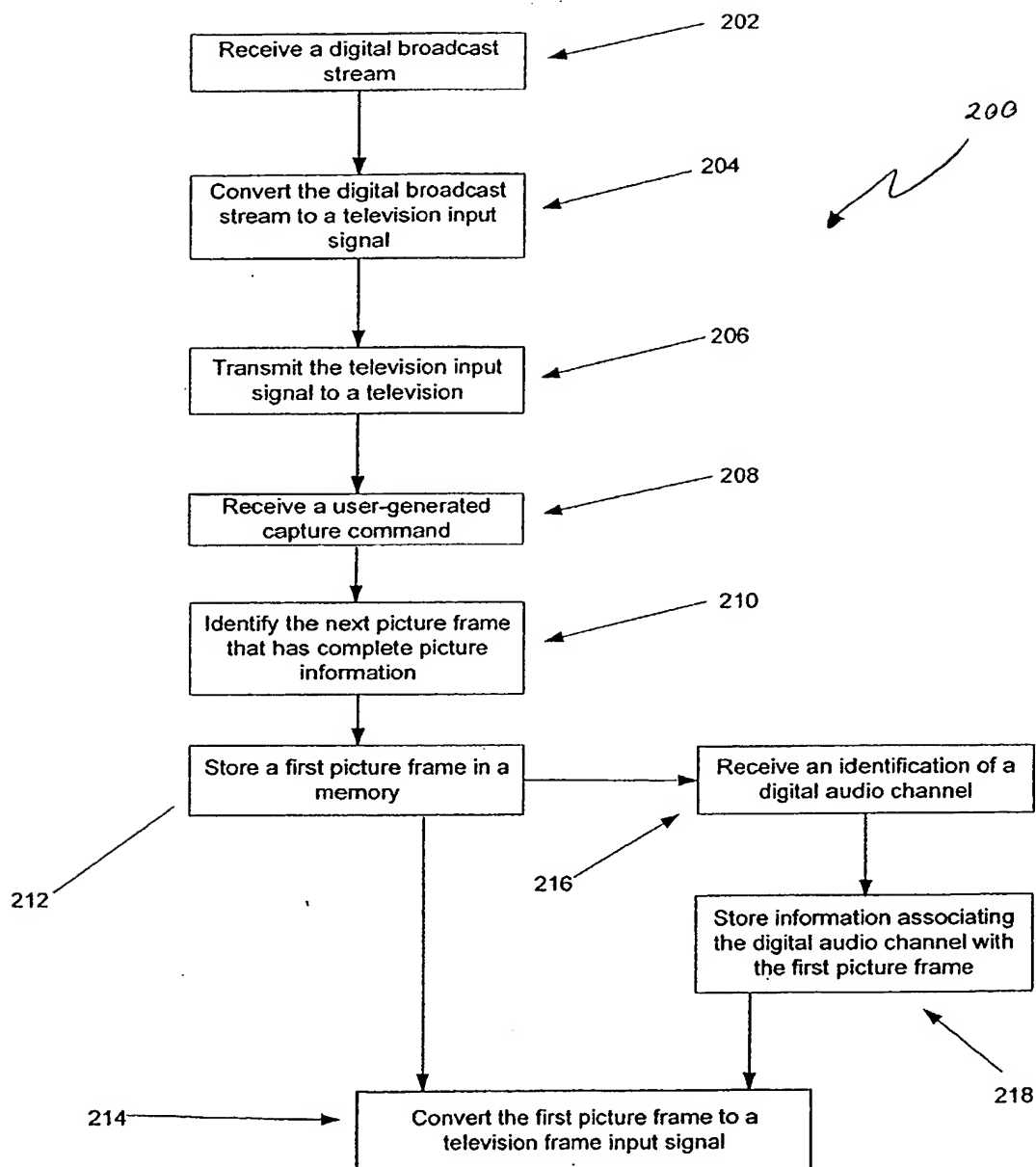


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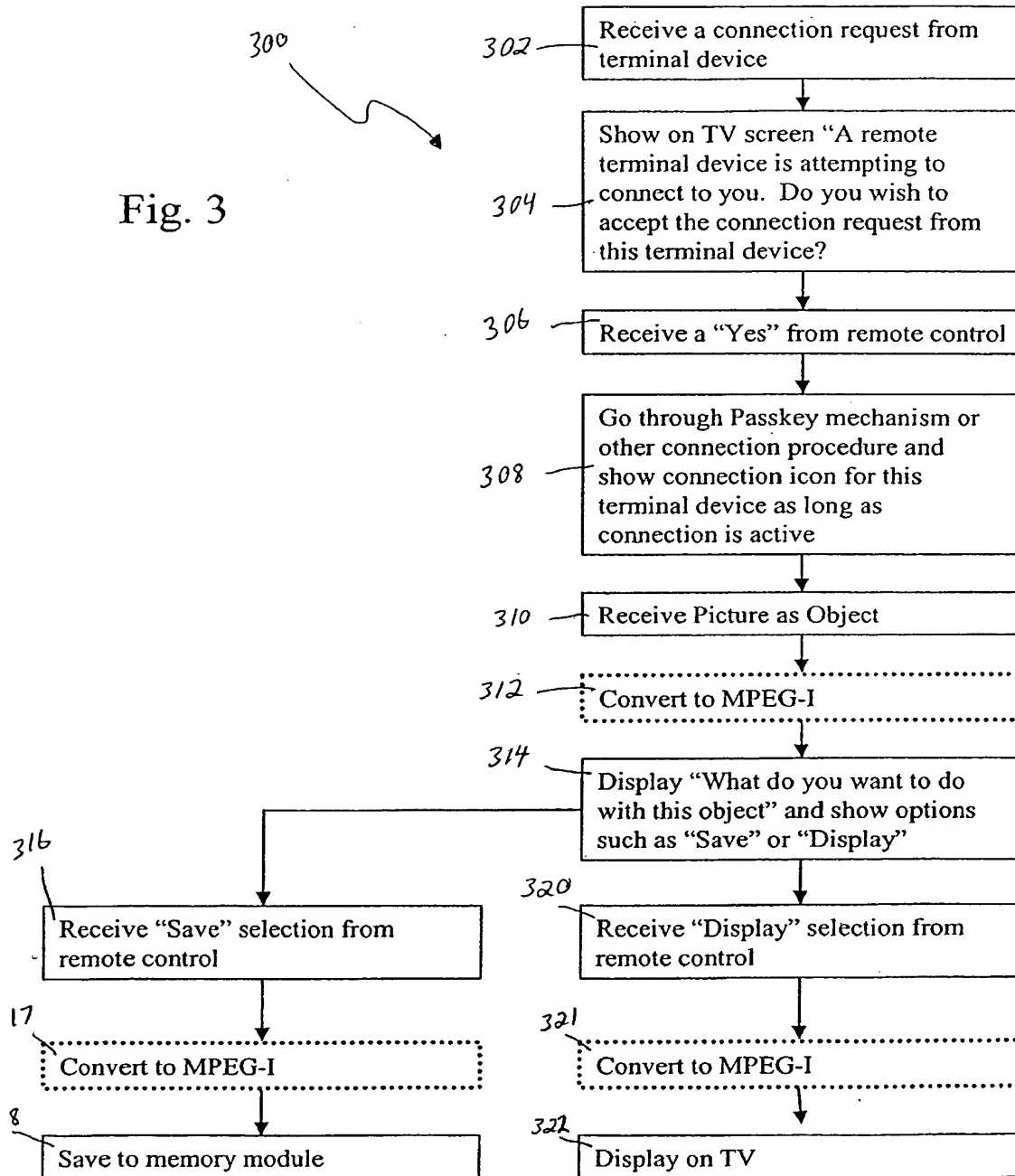
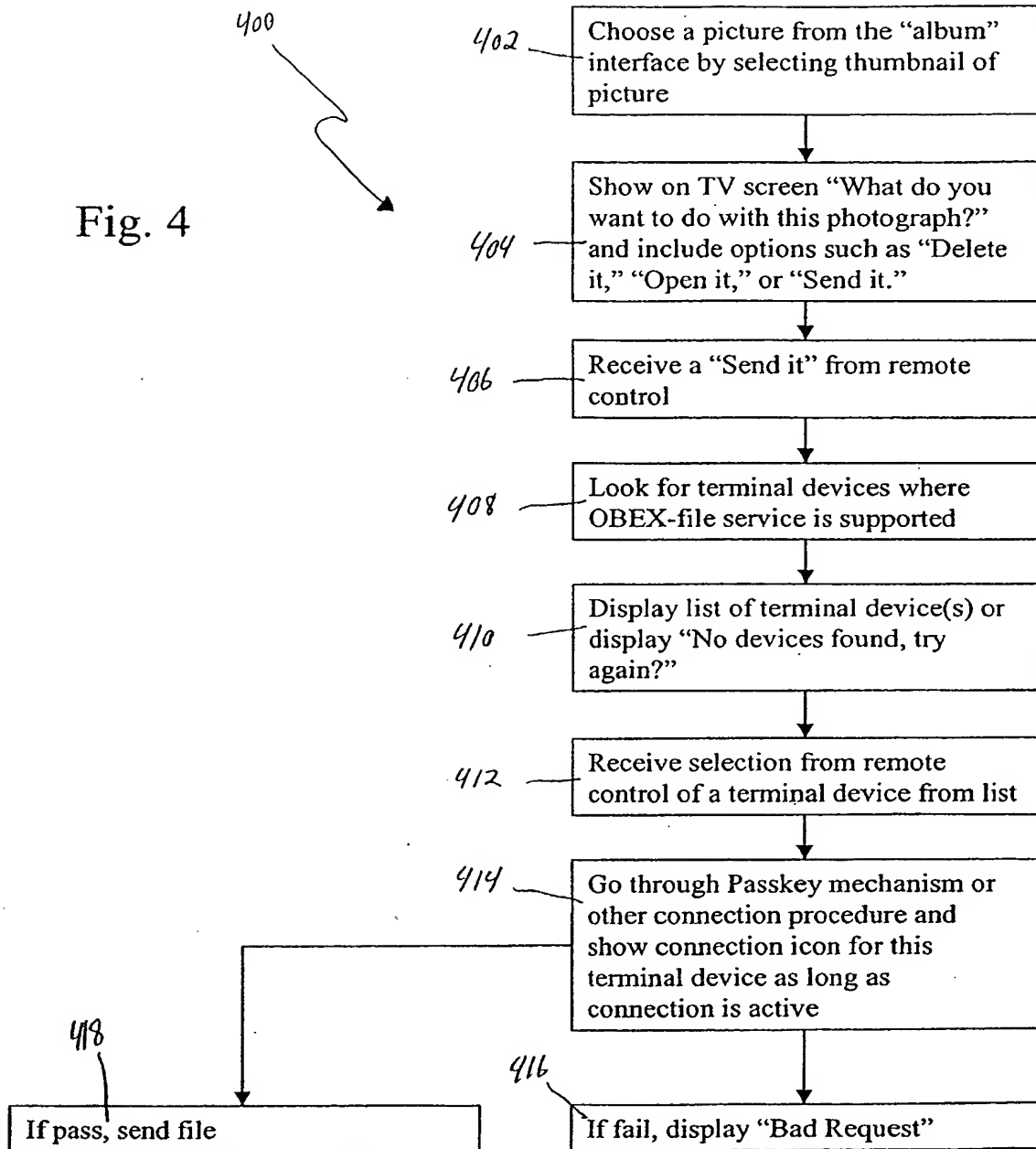


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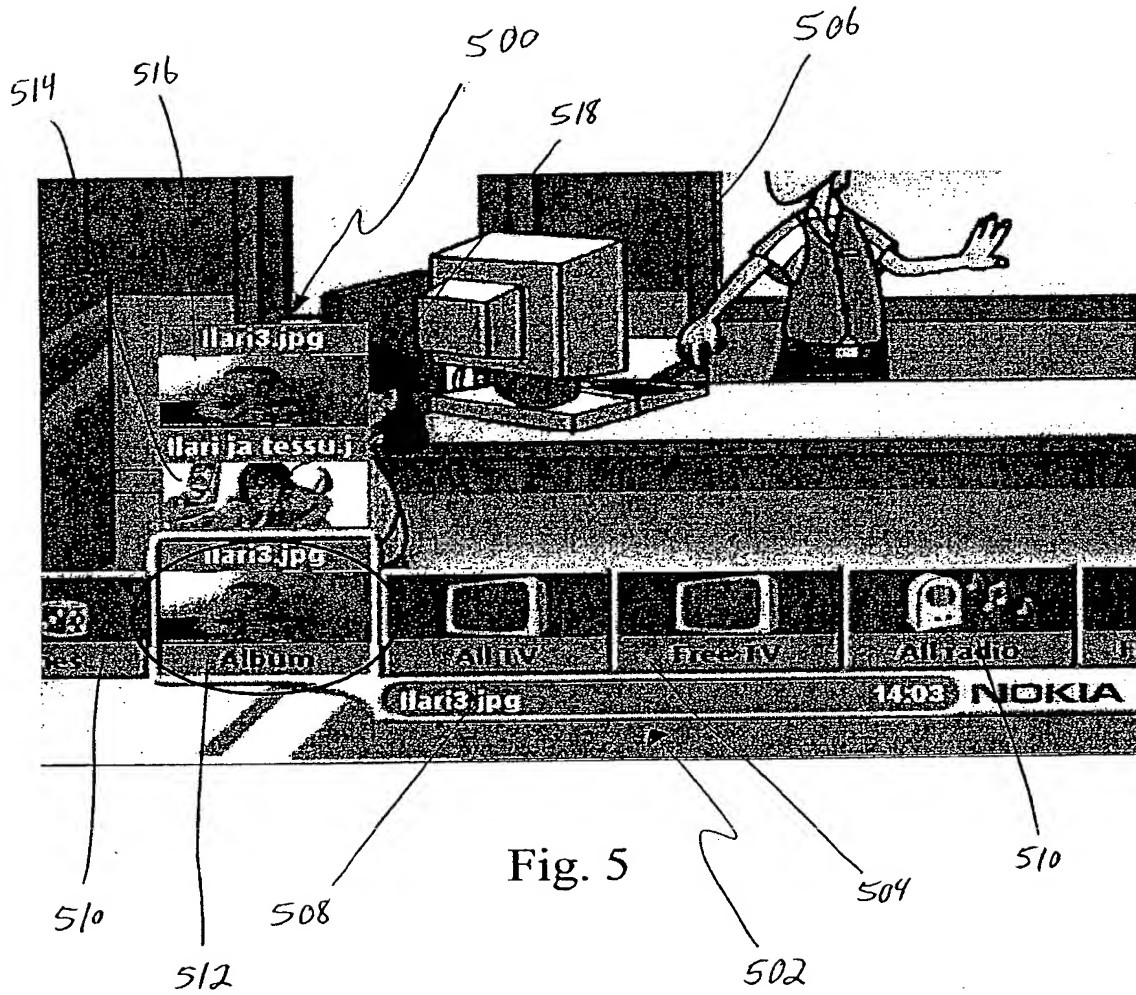


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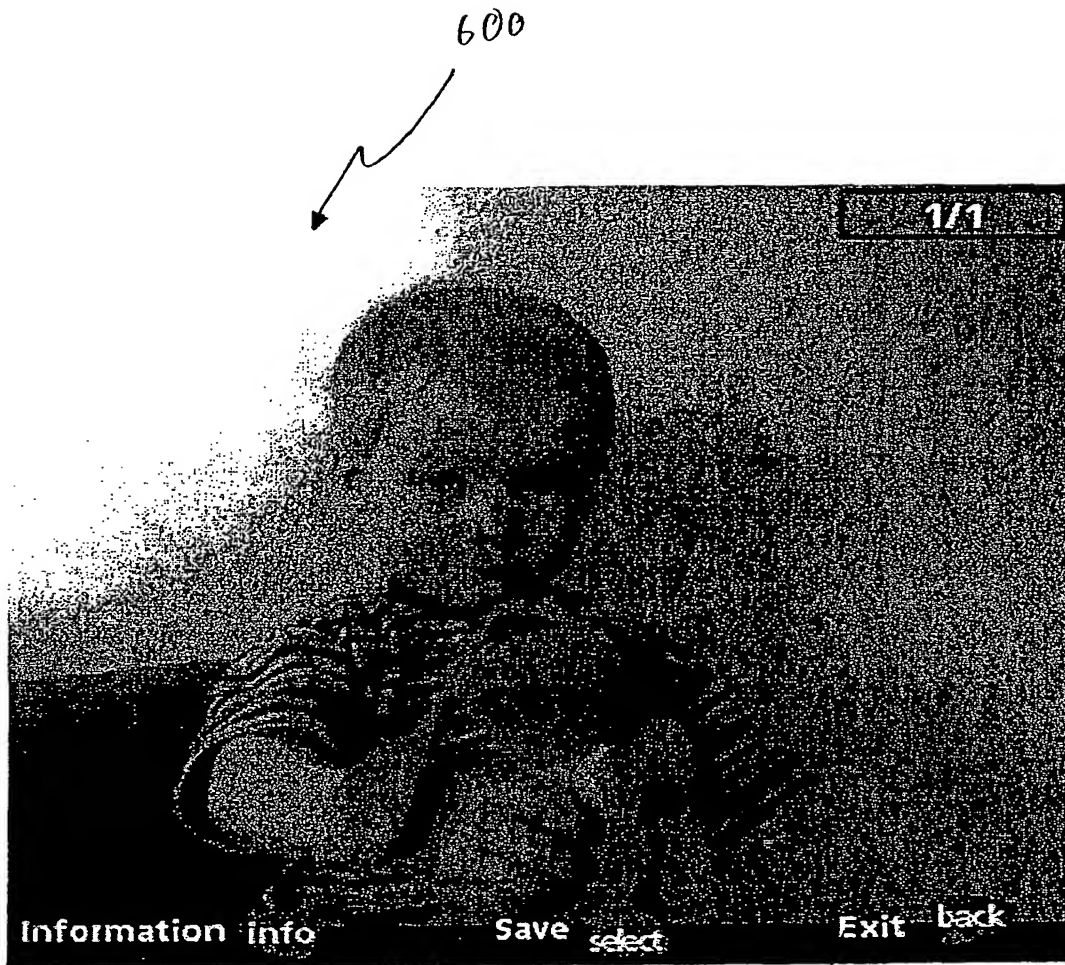
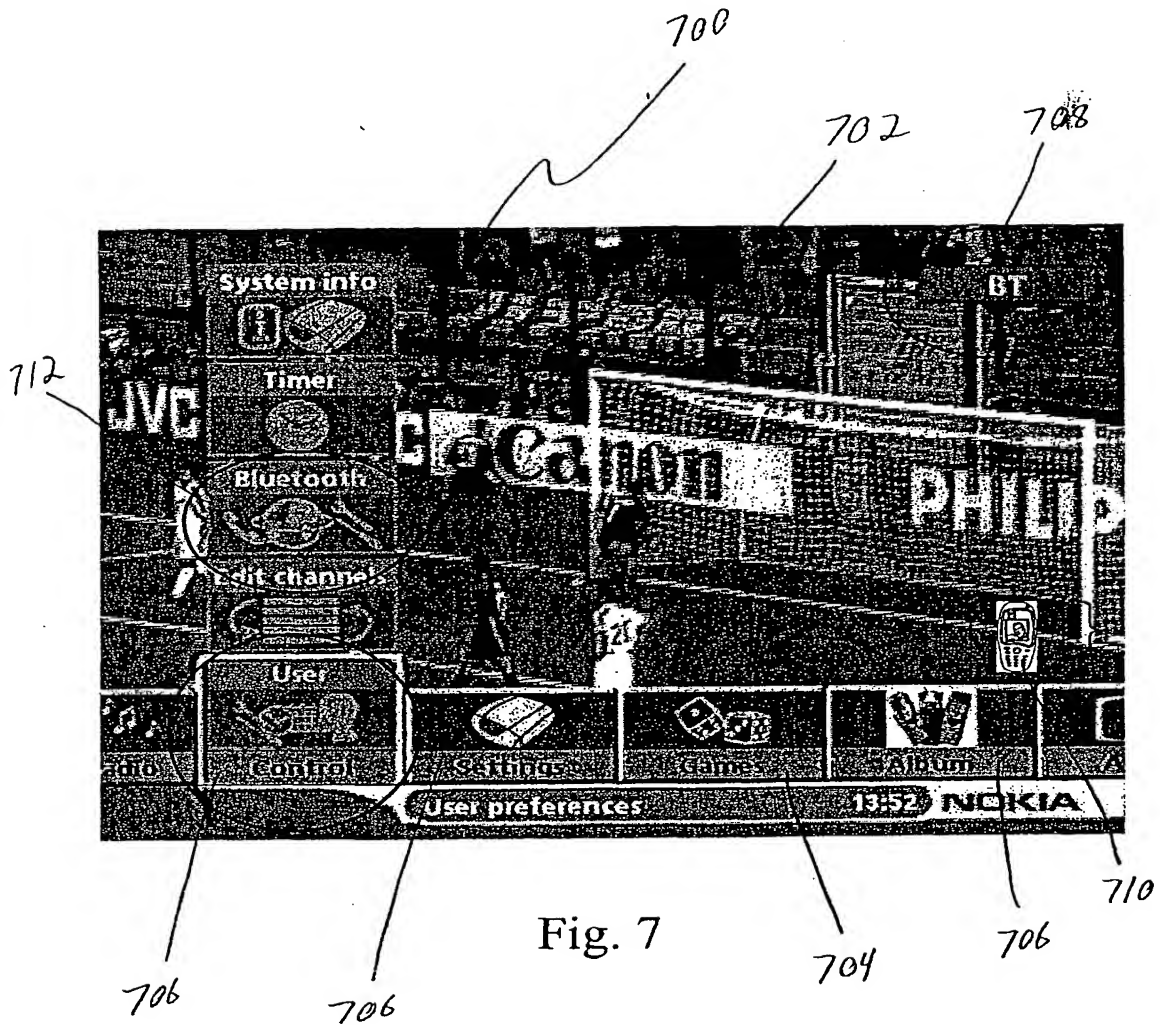
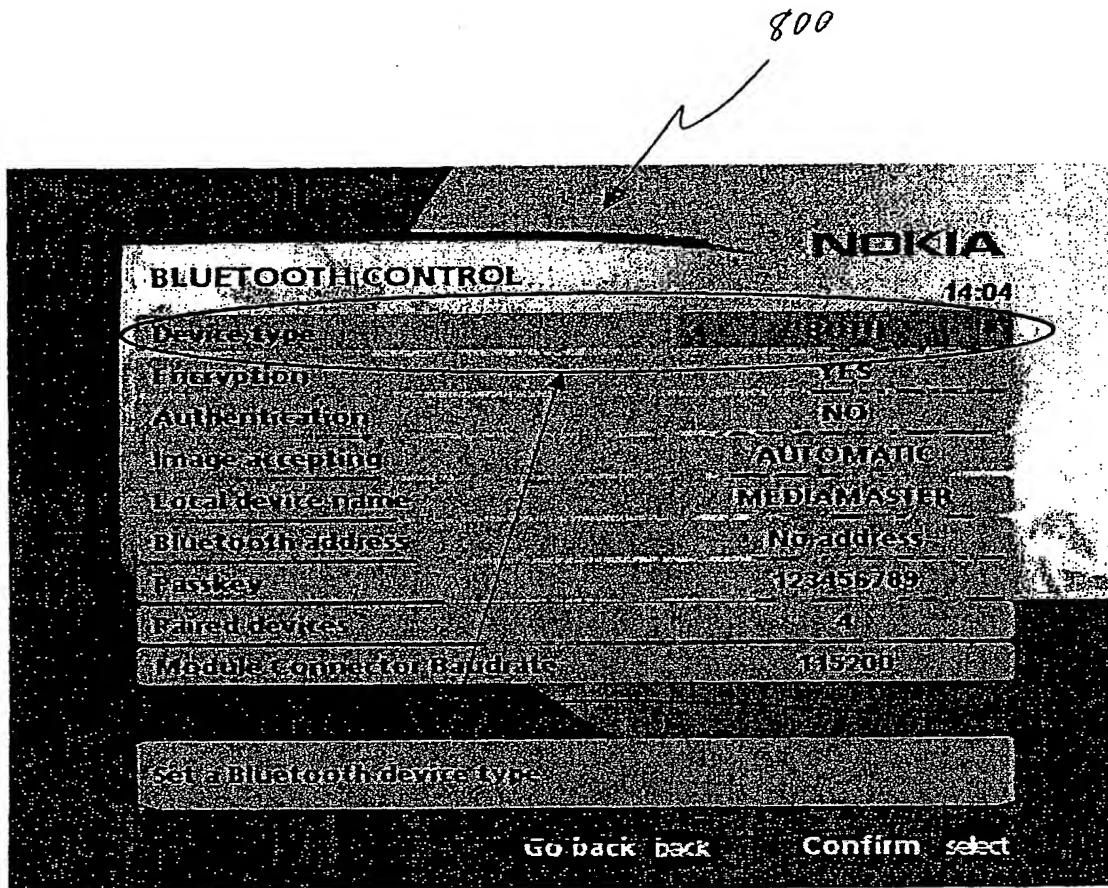


Fig. 6

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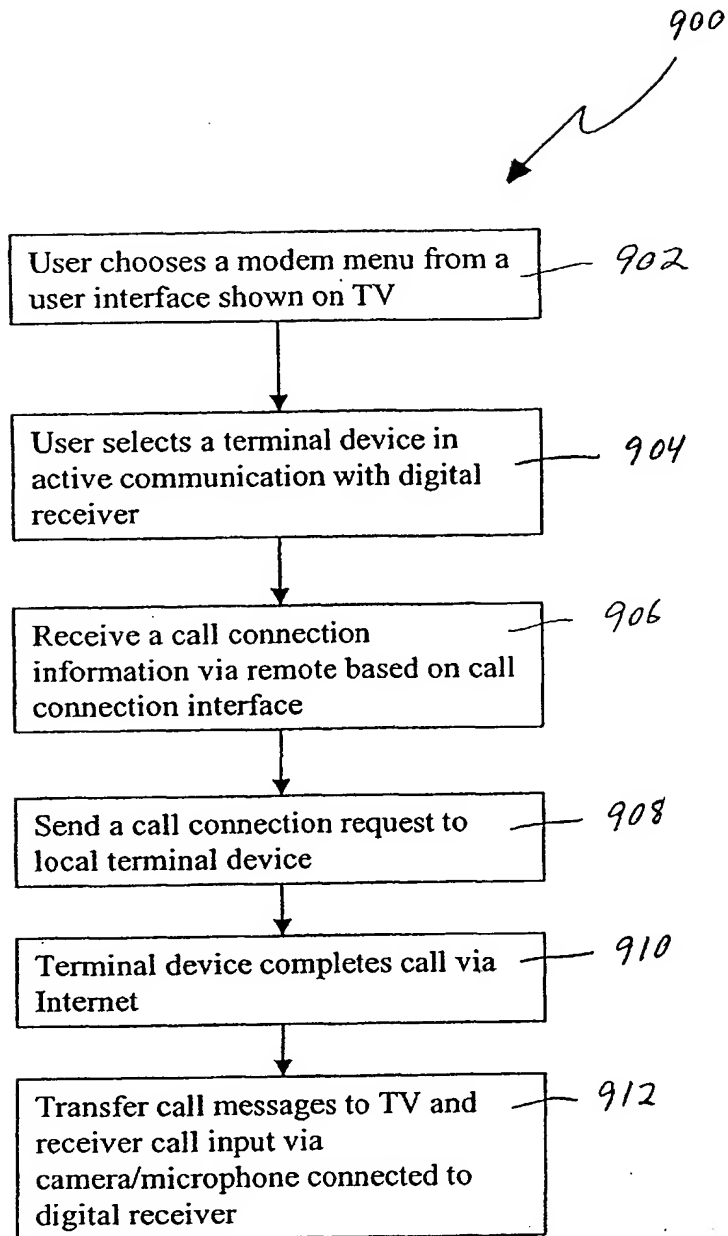


Fig. 9